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DEPT PASS TO TREASURY FOR SECRETARY SIMON

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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT REQUEST FOR SECRETARY SIMON

REF: A) MADRID 3563; B) MADRID 2054

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL PROVIDING FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND FINANCE MINISTER ANTONIO BARRERA DE IRIMO'S REQUEST FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH SECRETARY SIMON.

BARRERA'S DEPARTURE FROM MADRID HAS BEEN DELAYED ONE DAY TO JUNE 11. THEREFORE HE WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY SIMON ON JUNE 12 OR 13 AT ANY HOUR CONVENIENT TO THE SECRETARY, CEALIZING FULL WELL THE SECRETARY'S NEED TO FIT THE APPOINTMENT IN WITH THE COMMITTEE OF TWENTY ACTIVITIES.

2. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT THE MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WOULD NOT BE A SIMPLE MATTER OF A COURTESY CALL BUT THAT SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WOULD BE RAISED AND THAT IT WOULD BE A FOLLOW-UP ON HIS EARLIER MEETING WITH SECRETARY SHULTZ. IT WAS FURTHER STRESSED THAT BARRERA IS NOW A VICE PRESIDENT AND IN CHARGE OF ALL ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT AND POLICY IN SPAIN. IN THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONNECTION HE WILL EXPECT TO DISCUSS, AS MENTIONED IN

REF A, POLICY CORDINATION WITH THE US. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY
RAISED THE ISSUE OF DEVELOPING A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP"
WITH THE US SINCE SPAIN'S INTEGRATION WITH THE EEC NO
LONGER ASSUMED THE IMPORTANCE WITH THE CURRENT SPANISH
ADMINISTRATION THAT IT DID WITH THE PREVIOUS ONE (SEE REF B).
THE MINISTER, OF COURSE, IS WELL AWARE OF THE COUNTERVAILING
DUTY PROBLEM AS IT RELATES TO SPANISH FOOTWEAR AND WILL
PROBABLY TOUCH ON THIS ISSUE ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CONSIDERED
TO BE A MAJOR ELEMENT IN HIS AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION.
RESERVES AND MONETARY POLICY WERE ALSO MENTIONED AS LIKELY
THEMES TO BE RAISED.

3. EMBOFF HAS RECEIVED THREE CALLS OVER THE WEEKEND
EXPRESSING THE MINISTER'S ANXIETY AS TO THE STATUS OF HIS
APPOINTMENT REQUEST. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE APPRECIATED
IF AN IMMEDIATE CABLE RESPONSE COULD BE SENT TO THE
EMBASSY EARLY TODAY SO THAT WE MIGHT PROVIDE THE MINISTER
SOME WORD ON THIS MATTER BEFORE HE DEPARTS MADRID.
SUPPLEMENTING THIS, A TELEPHONE CALL TO JURECKY AS SOON
AS SOMETHING IS KNOWN WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL.
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